

## Message Text

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R 081425Z SEP 77  
FM AMCONSUL JERUSALEM  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9429  
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

S E C R E T JERUSALEM 1436

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, MILI, PBOR, US, IS, LE  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ISRAELI-LEBANESE CONTACTS

REF: JERUSALEM 1284

1. UN SOURCE INFORMED US THAT ISRAELIS HAVE AUTHORIZED UNTSO OFFICIALS TO INFORM LEBANESE GENERAL KHOURY THAT GOI WAS AGREEABLE TO TALKS WITH GOL ON SOUTHERN LEBANON MATTERS (SEE REFTEL). ISRAELIS ASKED UNTSO TO QUERY KHOURY ON PRECISE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AND TO INFORM HIM THAT GOI WISHED TO HAVE MFA OFFICIALS AS WELL AS MILITARY OFFICERS IN ISRAELI TEAM AND THAT GOI WAS WILLING TO HAVE PART OF GOI-GOL TALKS MADE PUBLIC OR KEPT SECRET DEPENDING ON LEBANESE WISHES. UNTSO PASSED ABOVE ISRAELI POSITION TO KHOURY ON SEPTEMBER 6.

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2. KHOURY TOLD UNTSO OFFICERS THAT HE WOULD PASS ON ISRAELI RESPONSE TO GOL BUT DID NOT EXPECT TO HAVE ANY REACTION SOON. HE INDICATED TO UNTSO OFFICIALS THAT ATHENS MIGHT BE BETTER VENUE FOR TALKS, IF HELD. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS CONTINUING CONCERN OVER IMPLEMENTATION OF SHTOURA AGREEMENT

AND TASK FACING LEBANESE ARMY IF CALLED UPON  
TO TAKE UP POSITIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.  
ONE OF HIS PRIME CONCERNS IS TO OBTAIN  
UNDERSTANDING WITH ISRAELIS THAT IDF WOULD  
NOT INTERVENE IN CASE OF SUBSEQUENT  
OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING BETWEEN ANY OF THE  
PARTIES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

3. COMMENT: WE SEND IN ABOVE INFORMATION  
WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY,  
IT MAY HAVE TO RECENT HIG-LEVEL EXCHANGES IN BEIRUT  
AND TEL AVIV. WE ARE, OF COURSE, NOT IN  
A POSITION TO EVALUATE KHOURY'S ROLE IN  
LEBANON NOR THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS COMMENTS  
TO UNTSO ESPECIALLY HIS APPARENT PUSHING  
FOR DIRECT ISRAELI-LEBANESE MILITARY TALKS.

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